Gujarat earthquake

4587. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an earthquake of severe intensity recorded on 26th January, 2001 in Gujarat has made large number of children orphans;

(b) if so, the details of such children, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have provided maximum relief to such children;

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(e) whether Government have undertaken any programmes for rehabilitation of these children; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) More than 20,000 human lives have been lost and about 410 orphans are required to be taken care of. District-wise details are not maintained.

(c) to (f) The primary responsibility for undertaking relief measures and distribution of relief at the ground level is that of the State Government. Funds amounting to Rs. 830 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) have been released to the State Government for taking necessary measures.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Rehabilitation Development Fund

4588. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government nad proposed to set up a Co-operative Rehabilitation Development Fund to assist banks in the co-operative sector at various levels;